

App. No. 10/500,034  
Office Action Dated September 21, 2005

### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. The Specification and claims 1 and 3-8 are hereby amended. Claims 2, 9, 11, and 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 15 is new.

Amendment of claim 1 is supported by the subject matter of claim 2. Claims 3-8 are amended to depend from claim 1. New claim 15 is supported by the subject matter of claim 9.

The drawings are objected to for minor informalities. Applicants traverse this objection. The boxes designated by reference numbers 12, 13, 21, and 22 represent light receiving elements (13, 22) and light emitting elements (12, 21), rather than a function. Favorable reconsideration of the drawings is requested.

The abstract is objected to for minor informalities. The abstract is amended to address the concerns of the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration of the abstract is requested.

Claims 1, 10, 11, and 12 were rejected as being unpatentable over IPA-Method 9014 (EPA Publication Manual, "Titrimetric and Manual Spectrophotometer Determining Method for Cyanide"), in view of Khan et al (Analytical Science, "Determination of Trace Amounts of Copper (II) by using Catalytic Redox Reaction between Methylene Blue and Ascorbic Acid). Applicants traverse this rejection. Claims 11 and 12 are canceled. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection as applied to the rejected claims. Claim 1 is amended to include the allowed subject matter of claim 2. Therefore, the rejection is rendered moot.

Further, new claim 15 should be considered allowable since the claim includes the allowed subject matter of claim 9.

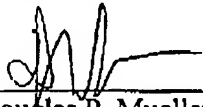
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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455-3804.

Respectfully Submitted,

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